



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Mautino name has been a part of Bureau County
3 history since 1905; Anton and Mary Ottino Mautino came to
4 America that year, settling in Spring Valley; along with their
5 son, Frank "Mule", they had two other children, Mrs. John
6 (Jean) Pini and Mrs. James (Madelon) Andreoni, of Spring
7 Valley; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1905, Anton started in business with the Star
9 Union Brewing Company; after the repeal of prohibition in 1934,
10 he was a Star Model Distributor; Mule took over in 1947 and
11 established Mautino Distributing Co. with two employees; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1951, Mule added Hamm's Beer to the
13 distributing list; he then acquired the Miller Brewing Co.
14 franchise in 1972, also adding wines, bar supplies, and
15 glassware for local retailers in addition to his own private
16 label of liquor; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1972, the business was moved from 330 West
18 Dakota Street in Spring Valley, a 5,000 square foot warehouse,
19 to the present location at 500 North Richards Street, a 36,000
20 square foot building; and

21 WHEREAS, Mule's son, Tony Mautino, took over the management
22 and responsibilities for Mautino Distributing Co. in 1974, the
23 same year his brother, Richard A. Mautino Sr., was elected to
24 the Illinois General Assembly; that year the company had seven
25 employees, and later it had 27 employees; currently, the
26 company is up to 50 employees and still growing; and

27 WHEREAS, The product line of the Mautino Distributing Co.
28 has expanded by selling a lot of juices, juice vending
29 machines, beer, and supplies; in January of 1985, the company
30 became a distributor of Coors beer; the business has expanded

1 into several counties, including Bureau, Marshall, LaSalle,
2 Putnam, Livingston, and Grundy; and

3 WHEREAS, Mule Mautino died in 1988, and Tony Mautino became
4 President of the Mautino Distributing Co., with his son, Mark,
5 becoming the General Manager; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate the Mautino Distributing Co. on being in
9 business for 100 years; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the Mautino Distributing Co. as an expression of
12 our esteem.